

WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

**Picturing Riverside:
An Exhibition of a
National Historic
Landmark Community**
Inauguration: Riverside
Railroad Station
Monday January 23,
2017 7-8pm



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The EVENT can be viewed on YouTube:

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Further information can be found below here on the permanent exhibition:

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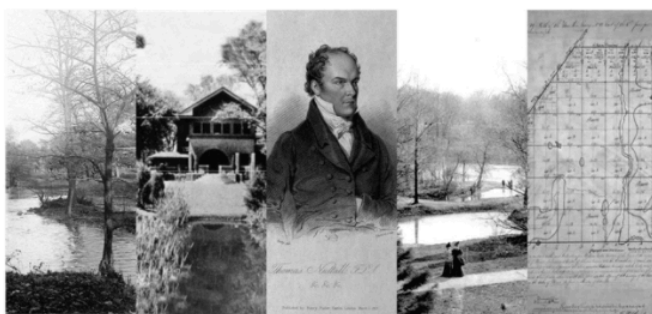
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The purpose of *Picturing Riverside* is to bring renewed awareness to residents and visitors alike about the significance of this "suburban village" in which nature and the built environment are harmoniously interwoven. Beginning in 1868, the entrepreneur Emery E. Childs commissioned Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux to design Riverside. Taking cues from the Des Plaines River, Olmsted and Vaux created a "suburban village" that "suggests and implies leisure, contemplativeness and happy tranquility."

In this exhibition Riverside's history is told through nine themes: River (inhabiting nature), Infrastructure (building connections), Vision (planning paradise), Environment (experiencing landscape), Recreation (playing together), Society (building bonds), Institutions (forging identity), Domesticity (living peacefully), Education (creating a future), ! (explaining Riverside). A tapestry of drawings, maps, and photographs illustrate well-known relationships while suggesting new associations.

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Inauguration:
Monday, January 23rd, 2017

Riverside Railroad Station
90 Bloomingbank Rd, Riverside, IL
M-F 6a.m.-4p.m.

riversidemuseum.net
arch.iit.edu/study/phd



Welcome to Our New Board Members!

Rick and Linda La Belle

Rick and I have been residents of Riverside for 14 years. We were attracted to Riverside based on the wonderful homes, the history, community and outdoor spaces.

We have two daughters, Jackie and Nicole. They are both in college, Jackie is at Colorado State and Nicole attends Miami University (Ohio). We both are bird watchers, love to travel, as well as bike and hike in the outdoors as often as possible. We look forward to working with everyone in the Olmsted Society.

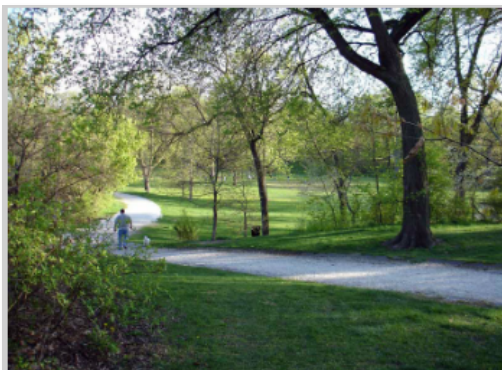
Matthew and Gina Johnson

We (Matthew, myself, and our 9 year old daughter, Senia) moved to Riverside two years ago from the Little Italy neighborhood of Chicago. We were drawn to Riverside because of it's unique character, from its architecture, to green space, wonderful schools, and sense of community.

Both Matthew and I work in Advertising. He is a partner at an ad agency called The Escape Pod and I am a digital sales director at Hearst Publishing (Cosmopolitan, Harper's Bizarre, Red Book, Good Housekeeping, Elle, Elle Decor, House Beautiful, Seventeen, HGTV, Food Network, O Oprah, amongst a million other titles!)

In our spare time we love to cook together as a family (cooking is a big deal around here ;), entertain, garden, travel, and spend time with our family and friends.

Our daughter attends Central School and is in 4th grade. She's super fun and I won't lie, she's a little bit interested in the Olmsted Society and just asked if there could be an Olmsted Junior Society! ;)



2017 Annual Meeting: FLOS Election Results:



The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

www.olmstedsociety.org

January 23, 2017- For Immediate Release

Olmsted Society Names New Board Members and Announces Award Recipients

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society voted in a new board for 2017 at their Annual Meeting. Serving as President Rob Dixon; Vice President Abby Randall; Secretary Janice O'Flaherty; and Treasurer Thomas Guardi. Joining as a new member to the Board is John Farneda. Renewing for another three years are Maura Braun, Constance and Thomas Guardi, Lois Kimmelman, Cathy and Mike Maloney, Tim Ozga and Aberdeen Marsh Ozga, and Abby and Greg Randall

President Rob Dixon presented the Olmsted Spirit Awards to Holly Machina and Cindy Kellogg for their years of service and dedication as Chairs of the Landscape Workday Committee. (Photo on page 2).

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We all were treated to a presentation of their before and after photos, that showed the incredible amount of effort that has gone into carefully and thoughtfully restoring the home back to it's original design.



Watch Our January 2017 Annual Meeting:
right **HERE** on Youtube.

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for 2017
here:
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RIVERSIDE INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR STORYBOOK NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK VILLAGE

2016 Docent-led Walking Tours of Riverside offered on the following Sundays:

North Division Tours - May 29, July 31, September 18

South Division Tours - June 26, August 28, October 30

2-4 PM, \$15, \$10 for Seniors (62+) and Olmsted Society Members.
Meet at Riverside Train Station, east side of main platform.

Special Custom Tours always available \$20+ per person based on requirements.
Call 708-442-7675 or email tours@olmstedsociety.org

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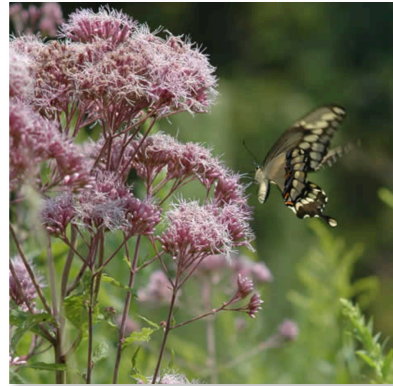


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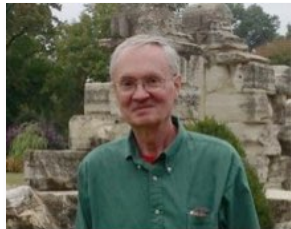
Landscaping Tip from our President, Rob Dixon:

Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye Weed)

Joe Pye weed is an excellent plant to promote Butterfly habitat and the roots are extremely deep and will help drain a yard if there's any wet areas. I would be happy to provide cuttings to anyone who would like some.



Long Range Planning Chairperson Jim Petrizilka:



Golden Jubilee Celebration:

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is pleased to announce their Golden Jubilee in 2018. For the 50th Anniversary, 50 trees will be planted during 2017 and 2018 to honor Olmsted Society's founder, Robert Heidrich.

The first group of trees will be planted in cooperation with the Village Forester in Indian Gardens on Fairbank Road on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Please come and join us in recognizing Mr. Heidrich and help reforest the Village of Riverside. Planting will be accomplished between 9:00am and 12:00pm. All tools will be provided along with snacks.

Please check out our website, www.olmstedsociety.org for additional information and volunteer workdays.

Holly Machina & Cindy Kellogg, Olmsted Society Landscape Committee Chairpersons
workdays@olmstedsociety.org or 708-447-0226 or 708-442-1040

Michael Collins, Forester, Village of Riverside, 708-442-3590 x 502,
mcollins@riverside.il.us

President's Letter: Rob Dixon Winter 2017

Dear Olmsted Society members:



I am excited to begin my third term as President of the Olmsted Society. The dedicated core of volunteers who have led the organization over many years are inspirational in their commitment to community and long term preservation of the Olmsted legacy in Riverside.

Plans are underway to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Olmsted Society founded in 1968, and to commemorate the founder, Robert Heldrich. For this special event, 50 trees will be planted during 2017 and 2018. Please join us as we plant 10 trees at our April 29th workday and another 10 trees at our September 30th workday.

Members are encouraged to engage in the landscape workdays planned this season. One can see considerable progress on Riverside Drive on the banks of the Des Plaines River to eradicate invasive plants and improve the view. Come out with your kids, neighbors and others who may wish to improve the landscape of Riverside. The Village Forester, and Olmsted volunteers coordinate these events and the schedule can be found at olmstedsociety.org or visit our [Facebook](#) page.

We have made a consistent effort in the past years to present meaningful programs in partnership with the Riverside Library and then record the presentations for use on Riverside TV and YouTube. You can watch our recent Annual meeting right [here](#). In coming months, we plan to partner with the Morton Arboretum to present topics such as proper tree care, tree planting, tree identification, and invasive species control. Keep an eye on Channel 6 or come out to the Riverside Library to hear these sessions live.

Finally, as we look to the future, the Olmsted Society will continue to raise funds via walking tours, events, and membership dues. However, if you have the resources to endow landscape workdays, or other specific efforts, please let us know. In addition, please remember the Olmsted Society as a beneficiary in estate planning or memorial requests.

The resilience of committed members created an organization that has lasted 50 years, and we look forward to the next 50!

Kind regards,
Robert Dixon
President, Olmsted Society

Landscape Committee Special Report with Cindy Kellogg and Holly Machina



FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY 2017 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE

In 2017, we are teaming up with the Village of Riverside to help beautify our green spaces.

The parks along **Riverside Road**, in **Swan Pond** & **Indian Gardens** follow the meandering Des Plaines River. **Scottswood Common** & **Longcommon**

Common, including **Big Ball Park**, serves as the backbone of Riverside's landscape architecture. Both were intended to be part of a green space stretching all the way to downtown Chicago.

The triangle at **Longcommon & Downing** is one of the largest & most visible triangles in Riverside. **Harrington Park**, along Harlem Avenue, is the most recent green space to be designated as a Public Park.

Frederick Law Olmsted designed the parks in Riverside to provide changing vistas for both pedestrians & vehicles. His plan can be better realized by reducing shrub overgrowth, eliminating weeds & opening up the river view. Join us as we tame, and then maintain your public parks of Riverside.

All workdays are scheduled for **Saturdays from 9am-12pm**. Look for the Riverside Public Works dump truck. Come for an hour or three, whatever your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome. Service hour credits are available. Bring your favorite work gloves & a water bottle. All other supplies & snacks will be provided.

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR PUBLIC PARKS

Mar 11th 9am – 12pm Longcommon & Downing – Mulching

Apr 8th 9am – 12pm Longcommon & Downing – Mulching

April 29th 9am – 12pm Indian Gardens (Scout Cabin Area) & Patriots Park – RB Day of Service-Great Garlic Mustard Pull! And, plant 10 trees!

May 13th 9am – 12pm Harrington Park – Weeding

June 3rd 9am – 12pm Patriots Park – Weeding

July 15th 9am – 12pm Swan Pond

July 29th 9am – 12pm Swan Pond

Aug 12th 9am – 12pm Riverside Rd – Weeding

2017 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE cont'd.:

Sept 9th 9am – 12pm Riverside Road – Plant native grasses & sedges

Sept 16th 9am – 12pm Riverside Road – Rain date for planting

Sept 30th 9am – 12pm Indian Gardens – Plant 10 trees!

Oct 14th 9am – 12pm Scottswood Commons

Oct 28th 9am – 12pm Riverside Road – Native seed collecting

Nov 18th 9am-12pm Big Ball Park – Mulching

Landscape Committee Work Day Report: Cindy Kellogg and Holly Machina

The Olmsted Society recently made a significant donation to the Village of Riverside.

We donated funds to purchase an auger and an extra bit for use when our volunteers plant native grasses & sedges along Riverside Road. We previously had to rent one.

We also donated funds to purchase wheel barrows and spades to help us when we weed and mulch on our workdays. We are very grateful to the Village Forester, Michael Collins, and Public Works for supporting our beautification efforts.

Please join us at our volunteer workdays. You won't be disappointed. 2017 workdays are listed in this newsletter.



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Lecture Reports with Lois Kimmelman:



Ruth E. Volbre, How Berwyn is Going Green April 18, 2017 7:00pm at the Riverside Public Library

How Berwyn is Going Green

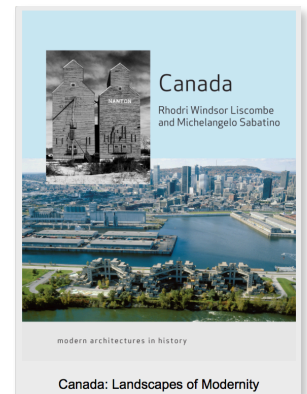
Ruth Volbre, Assistant City Administrator of the City of Berwyn, will address what Berwyn has been doing to become more sustainable, like installing underground water collectors and permeable pavers. She will also give a preview of green initiatives the City plans to implement in the future.



Lecture Review:

On Monday January 30th we enjoyed a presentation by our own Board Member Michelangelo Sabatino on his new book titled: *Canada: Landscapes of Modernity*

Please visit our web site through this link below to learn more about the relationship between Canada's modern architecture and the natural environment:



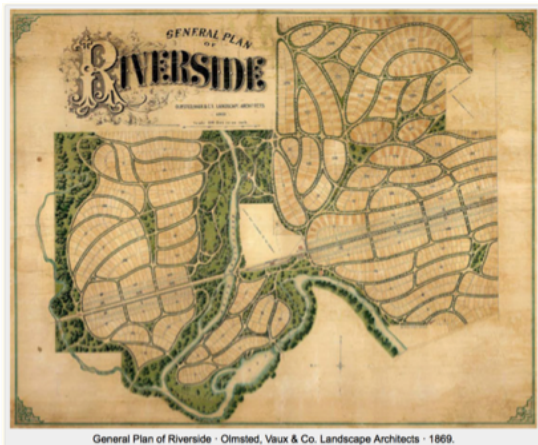
[Lecture - Canada: Landscapes of Modernity | Frederick Law Olmsted Society](#)

Membership Report - Theresa Pelletier



Olmsted Society's Membership Renewal Time:

To all of our dedicated members, thank you for your loyal support to the Olmsted Society of Riverside!



Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. It's mission is guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work.

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a member. The Olmsted Society invites residents and visitors to join us in learning, protecting the environment and preserving our cultural and physical heritage.

Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$35.00 tax-deductible contribution by check or you can pay online through this PayPal link:

[Join or Renew Your Membership Here](#)

Thank you for your continued support!!

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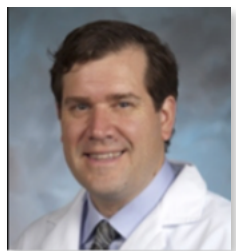
“We can reduce flooding by planting the native plants of Illinois, such as *Sorghastrum nutans* (Linnaeus) Nash (Poaceae) also known as ***Indian Grass***, shown here below:



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Webmaster (Dr.) Tim Ozga



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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE	
Founded in 1968, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the original plan for Riverside, which was developed in 1868 by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his partner Calvert Vaux. Membership is open to all interested individuals, is for the current calendar year (January 1 through December 31), and is tax deductible. It includes your immediate family members living in your household. Please return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546 or join online at www.olmstedsociety.org .	
MEMBERSHIP	COMMITTEES Put your talent to work and your energy to good use by joining a committee!
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